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Energy Sector

1. *August 3, Portland Press Herald* – (Maine) **J&S Oil faces federal sanctions, fine over oil spill.** J&S Oil in Manchester, Maine, faces federal sanctions, including a potential fine of up to \$177,500, as the result of a March incident in which some 1,500 gallons of oil spilled onto the ground and spread to a neighboring property and drainage ditches. August 2, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it filed a complaint against the family- and employee-owned business. The company, which has offices in Manchester and Winslow, is accused of failing to maintain and fully implement an oil spill prevention plan, failing to provide secondary containment to prevent such spills from spreading, failing to maintain adequate training records, and failing to provide adequate security.
Source: http://www.pressherald.com/news/jands-oil-faces-federal-sanctions-fine-over-spill_2012-08-02.html
2. *August 2, Associated Press* – (California) **Gas pipe ruptures near site of 2010 Calif. blast.** More than a dozen homes were evacuated August 1 after a 2-inch plastic gas pipe ruptured in the San Bernardino, California suburb where a pipeline explosion killed eight people in 2010. The distribution main line burst when a private contractor working for the city of San Bruno struck the pipe with a backhoe. Pacific Gas & Electric crews were on-scene and stopped the gas flow in less than half an hour, a spokeswoman said. She added the line was not fitted with excess flow valves, which are designed to trip automatically when there is a break in a distribution line, the narrow-diameter pipes that serve individual homes and businesses.
Source: http://muscatinejournal.com/news/national/gas-pipe-ruptures-near-site-of-calif-blast/article_4a8edb25-154b-5236-aba9-dd4110931983.html
3. *August 1, Reuters* – (Wisconsin; Illinois; International) **Canada's Enbridge says has repaired oil line after leak.** August 1, Enbridge Inc said it completed repairs on a ruptured pipeline from Canada that was shut for 5 days following an oil leak in rural Wisconsin. The leak was not particularly large, but it came at a sensitive time for the Canadian firm, which has suffered a series of leaks in recent years and is embarking on a massive expansion program. Earlier August 1, Enbridge said it submitted a plan to U.S. regulators seeking permission to restart the pipeline, though it was unclear how long it would take to get approval. July 31, the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration issued a so-called corrective action order that blocked Enbridge from resuming operations on the pipeline, which carries light crude to Chicago-area refineries, until certain conditions were met.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/08/02/enbridge-neb-idINL2E8J1EAF20120802>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *August 1, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Hopewell chemical plant fined, agrees to improve pollution controls under agreement with US.** A Hopewell, Virginia chemical plant agreed to pay a \$175,000 fine for alleged air pollution violations, the Associated Press reported August 1. Under the agreement with federal officials, Hercules Inc. also agreed to add \$200,000 in pollution controls. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported the plant did not adequately limit emissions of chemical pollutants and it had an inadequate system for detecting leaks. The primary chemical was methanol, which can cause blurred vision, dizziness, and other problems.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a41a8367abb54f1b968b4a1691de9d99/VA--Pollution-Fine>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *August 2, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites A. Finkl and Sons in Chicago for 26 safety violations, including failing to maintain cranes.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a news release August 2 citing specialty metal forgings producer A. Finkl & Sons Co. with 26 safety violations at the company's Chicago facility, including 2 willful violations that involved failing to provide fall protection around open pits and rectify multiple hazards found in crane inspections. Proposed penalties totaled \$352,700. OSHA initiated an inspection after receiving a complaint alleging that cranes used in the facility were in disrepair, including having malfunctioning hoisting brakes, and that powered industrial trucks were being operated by untrained workers. Specifically, the willful violations were due to failing to ensure open pits were guarded by standard railings and/or covers to protect employees from falling in, and failing to correct deficiencies identified by crane inspections such as missing bolts, inoperable radio controls, and problems with bridges, trolleys, and main hoist brakes. Twenty-two serious violations, one repeat violation, and one other-than-serious violation were also cited.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22779

6. *August 2, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Sears recalls Kenmore dehumidifiers due to fire and burn hazards.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Sears and Kmart, August 2 announced a voluntary recall of about 795,000 Kenmore dehumidifiers. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The dehumidifiers can overheat, smoke, melt, and catch on fire, posing fire and burn hazards to consumers. Sears received 107 reports of incidents, with more than \$7 million in property damage and 3 reports of smoke inhalation injuries. The dehumidifiers were sold at Sears and Kmart stores nationwide and Sears.com and Kmart.com from 2003 to 2009.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12240.html>
7. *August 2, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **2 die in shooting at northwest side manufacturing plant.** A shooting inside a Trans-Coil International (TCI) manufacturing plant in Milwaukee left two men dead August 2, police said. A supervisor was shot multiple times by a employee who then shot himself. A handgun was recovered at the scene. WISN 12 Milwaukee reported that third-shift workers arriving at TCI were told the plant was closed for the night and would remain closed August 3.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/2-die-in-shooting-at-northwest-side-manufacturing-plant-9u6bqk7-164836596.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

8. *August 3, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Bristol-Myers insider arrest followed probe of deal.** A U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) probe, prompted by suspicious circumstances surrounding Gilead Sciences Inc.'s announcement that it was buying Pharmasset Inc. for \$11 billion, resulted in the arrest of a Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. executive August 2. The man was charged with making \$311,361 in illegal profit by buying stock options in three pharmaceutical companies targeted for acquisition. The SEC is continuing its probe, and the Department of Justice also joined the investigation. The executive held high-level jobs including executive director of pensions and savings investments and assistant treasurer for capital markets. He helped the New York-based drugmaker evaluate whether to buy targeted companies, according to the FBI arrest complaint. As he conducted due diligence on pension and savings plans of those companies, he bought options in all three based on insider information. The chief of the SEC's Market Abuse Unit said the SEC is concerned about the "apparent epidemic of insider trading involving the securities of pharmaceutical and healthcare companies."

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-08-03/bristol-myers-insider-arrest-followed-probe-of-deal#p1>

9. *August 2, The Register* – (National) **New target for 419 fraudsters: Struggling ‘weak’ banks.** Desperate banks have become the target for so-called 419 advance-fee fraud scams, The Register reported August 2. Banks on the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s (FDIC) Problem Bank List have been targeted as they might be prepared to take the risk because poor profits and earnings outlooks that deter traditional investors, the Problem Bank List blog warned. The FDIC issued an alert saying it became aware of individuals or purported investment advisers approaching weak institutions in attempts to defraud them by claiming access to funds for recapitalization. The scheme requires banks to pay fees in advance, and, once paid, the parties involved failed to conduct due diligence or actively pursue the proposed investment.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/08/02/struggling_us_banks_warned_over_419_scams/

10. *August 2, Associated Press* – (National) **IRS missing billions in ID theft.** The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) may have delivered more than \$5 billion in refund checks to identity thieves who filed fraudulent tax returns for 2011, Treasury Department investigators said August 2. They estimated another \$21 billion could make its way to ID thieves’ pockets over the next 5 years. The IRS detected far fewer fraudulent tax refund claims than actually occur, a government audit stated. Although the IRS detected about 940,000 fraudulent returns for 2011 claiming \$6.5 billion in refunds, there were potentially another 1.5 million undetected cases of thieves seeking refunds after assuming the identity of a dead person, child, or someone else who normally would not file a tax return. Topping the list of concerns was the IRS’s lack of timely access to third-party information it needs to verify returns and root out fraud. Due to the gap between when taxpayers can start filing returns and when employers and financial institutions are required to submit withholding and income documents to taxpayers, the IRS often issues refunds before it can confirm the information on the returns. Of the 1.5 million undetected cases of potential fraud, 1.2 million used direct deposits.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/business/personal-finance/taxes/2012/08/02/irs-missing-billions-theft/vHJriJPNyuc1NuTANdzLHL/story.html>

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Transportation Sector

11. *August 3, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Coal train derails in southern W.Va. town.** Crews cleaned up the scene of a bridge collapse and coal train derailment in a Raleigh, West Virginia, August 2. WVNS 59 Lewisburg quoted CSX officials as saying the train had 4 locomotives and 75 freight cars carrying coal, and 6 of those cars derailed. The bridge on which the train was traveling collapsed and coal spilled into a creek below. Crews worked for several hours to clean up the creek and roadway.

Source: <http://www.mariettatimes.com/page/content.detail/id/248572/Coal-train-derails-in-southern-W-Va--town-.html?isap=1&nav=5019>

12. *August 2, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Survivor of fatal Megabus crash ‘just woke up to screaming’**. One person was killed and dozens of others were injured when a double-decker Megabus bound from Chicago smashed into a concrete pillar of an overpass on Interstate 55 August 2, State police said. The bus, with about 64 passengers listed on the manifest, apparently blew a tire and skidded into the center pillar near Litchfield, Illinois, about 60 miles north of St. Louis, shutting down I-55 in both directions between the Carlinville and Litchfield exits. As many as half the people on the southbound bus were injured, according to a State Police captain. Four to five of the injured were trapped and had to be extricated, including one who later died, he said. Thirty ambulances and five medical helicopters responded.

Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-08-02/news/chi-megabus-from-chicago-crashes-into-i55-overpass-20120802_1_fatal-megabus-crash-southbound-bus-double-decker-bus

13. *August 2, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **O’Hare closes terminal for two hours because of ‘suspicious item’**. The Chicago Sun-Times reported August 2 that the Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) ordered the upper-level doors closed at Terminal 2 after finding a “suspicious item,” said a spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Aviation. Chicago Police determined the item to not be a threat, and screening operations resumed about 2 hours later, a TSA spokesman said in a statement. A TSA canine team alerted agents to the item and Chicago Police established a safety perimeter that impacted security checkpoint operations in Terminal 2, the spokesman said. The doors were secured and security checkpoints were closed, but the terminal was not evacuated. Passengers were re-directed to Terminal 1 for security screenings and deplaning, a Department of Aviation spokesman said. July 30, a bomb threat temporarily closed San Antonio International Airport. A TSA spokesman said it was too soon to speculate on any possible relationship between the incidents.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/14188613-418/tsa-closes-ohare-terminal-because-of-suspicious-item.html>

14. *August 2, Associated Press* – (Washington, D.C.) **FAA: 3 jets over DC never on collision course**. None of the commuter jets that flew too close together near Washington, D.C., July 31, were ever on course to collide head-on with the others, federal officials said August 2. During a news conference, the U.S. Transportation Secretary strongly disputed media reports characterizing what happened near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport as a near-miss. “At no point were the three aircraft on a head-to-head course. They were not on a collision course,” said an administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). However, the FAA said in a statement that it “is investigating the incident and will take appropriate action to address the miscommunication.” The National Transportation Safety Board said it was also reviewing what happened. The jet problem occurred July 31 after a miscommunication between a manager at Potomac Consolidated Terminal Radar Approach Control and two traffic management coordinators at the airport, the administrator said. The exact nature of the miscommunication was not immediately

clear, but there was apparently a failure on both ends to follow standard procedure.
Source: <http://www.krmg.com/ap/ap/business/faa-3-jets-near-dc-were-never-on-collision-course/nP87c/>

15. *July 30, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **MBTA hosting controlled gas, particle testing this week.** Scientists fanned out through the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) the week of July 30 to release and trace the movement of nontoxic, odorless gases and particles in a federal experiment to simulate and understand how contaminants might move through the subway in a chemical or biological terrorist attack. The research expands on previous studies of subway airflow in Boston in 2009 and 2010, with the tests this time examining not just how gases and particles move underground, but also how they might flow out of subway tunnels and stations to city streets, said a program manager for DHS' Science and Technology Directorate. Near the site of their release, the plumes of gas and particles may appear as a fine mist, but otherwise they will be invisible and harmless to riders as they flow through the subway system, officials said. The testing, which began July 30 and will continue through the end of the week, is being done at off-peak hours and should not disrupt commuters.
Source: <http://www.boston.com/metrodesk/2012/07/30/mbta-hosting-controlled-gas-particle-testing-this-week/hiW1sdHyfnBNwYTWlk90mJ/story.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

16. *August 2, Northwest Indiana Times* – (Indiana) **Police investigate suspicious package after blast in Dyer.** Indiana's Porter County Bomb Squad investigated a baseball-sized ball wrapped in electrical tape after a homeowner's mailbox was blown off August 2. Police evacuated the family from the house and cordoned off the street to wait for the bomb squad. U.S. Postal Service investigators were also called to the house and said the mailman did not arrive at the street prior to the incident.
Source: http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/dyer/dyer-police-investigate-suspicious-package/article_73e77587-009e-5a6f-9d7e-2b26ca348620.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

17. *August 3, Syngenta* – (National) **Stinkbugs continue to plague soybeans across the U.S.** Various stinkbug species are spreading quickly throughout the United States, Syngenta reported August 3. Growers as far apart as Louisiana and Nebraska say 25 to 35 stinkbugs are being reported per 100 sweeps, putting the health and yield of soybean plants in jeopardy. Soybean fields can quickly become the feeding ground for many different species of stinkbugs; the most common and damaging species include the green, the southern green, and the red-banded species, all of which continue to be found across the United States. In addition to the traditional species, a new stinkbug known as the brown marmorated stinkbug is being reported in various States across the country, and it is already a serious pest in vegetables and farm crops in the mid-Atlantic region.

When stinkbugs invade a field, they remove fluids from soybean plants by feeding on the stems, foliage, blooms, and, most importantly, the developing pods and beans, causing significant damage to the quality of the soybeans and ultimately to the yield. Source: <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Stinkbugs-continue-to-plague-soybeans-across-the-US-164623026.html>

18. *August 2, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Small drought assistance and more disaster counties.** The U.S. Agriculture Secretary announced two new pieces of disaster assistance for farmers and ranchers impacted by the nation's worsening drought, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced August 2. First, he is expanding emergency haying and grazing on approximately 3.8 million acres of conservation land to bring greater relief to livestock producers dealing with shortages of hay and pastureland. Second, the Secretary announced that crop insurance companies agreed to provide a short grace period for farmers on insurance premiums in 2012. As a result, farming families now have an extra 30 days to make payments without incurring interest penalties on unpaid premiums. August 1, the Secretary signed disaster designations for an additional 218 counties in 12 States as primary natural disaster areas due to damage and losses caused by drought and excessive heat. Source: <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Vilsack-announces-new-drought-assistance-164602406.html>
19. *August 2, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Burch Equipment LLC expands cantaloupe recall due to possible health risk.** Burch Equipment LLC, of North Carolina, expanded their cantaloupe recall initiated July 28, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported August 2. The firm voluntarily recalled 13,888 cases of whole Athena variety cantaloupes and 581 bins of Athena variety cantaloupes due to the potential for being contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Melons affected by this recall total 188,902. The whole Athena variety cantaloupes were shipped between July 15-27 and distributed to retail stores operating in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Virginia. The FDA and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture were working with Burch Equipment LLC following a random sample of an Athena variety cantaloupe testing positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. The recall expansion was based on unsanitary conditions found at the cantaloupe packing shed during FDA's ongoing inspection that may allow for contamination of cantaloupes with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm314213.htm>
20. *August 2, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (National) **Wisconsin firm recalls frozen bacon cheeseburger patties that may contain foreign materials.** Kenosha Beef International, Ltd., a Kenosha, Wisconsin establishment, recalled approximately 37,600 pounds of frozen bacon cheeseburger patties because they may contain foreign materials — pieces of gasket material, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced August 2. The products subject to recall include 2 pound cartons containing six patties of Sam's Choice Fireside Gourmet Black Angus Beef Patties Bacon and Aged Cheddar. All products were produced June 11. The products were distributed in

Indiana, Maine, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Wisconsin. FSIS was alerted to the problem by the firm after the company received a consumer complaint.

Source:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_052_2012_Release/index.asp

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Water Sector

21. *August 2, Deer Park - North Babylon Patch* – (New York) **Sewer study finds extensions could cost more than \$2 billion.** The Suffolk County Department of Public Works (DPW) in New York released more findings from its Southwest Sewer District Expansion Feasibility Study, including the revelation the project could cost more than \$2 billion without grants or outside funding, the Deer Park - North Babylon Patch reported August 2. The expansion of the sewer district would affect areas including Deer Park, North Babylon, West Babylon, West Islip, and Wyandanch. A July 31 meeting, the second in 2012 focused on the study, found the areas in most need, called “Tier 1” by officials, would account for nearly 53 percent of the overall estimated cost for the system expansion at an estimated \$1.106 billion. The tier included mostly areas from North Babylon and Wyandanch, the costliest being an area bordering the two areas at an estimated \$235 million. For the entire area in question to be added to the Southwest Sewer District, the DPW would have to run pipes throughout the entire area able to support roughly 12 to 16 million gallons per day. Tier 1 alone would use up 5.9 to 7.9 million gallons a day out of that total. The Bergen Point Sewage Facility is currently being expanded in preparation for a potential district expansion. Officials also released an estimated timetable if the project was given the go-ahead later in 2012. For areas in the top Tier 1, the entire process from legal processes to completion of construction would take until May 2021.

Source: <http://deerpark-northbabylon.patch.com/articles/sewer-study-finds-extensions-could-cost-more-than-2-billion>

22. *August 2, Visalia Times-Delta / Tulare Advance-Register* – (California) **Tulare County ends closure of the Kings River.** Public health officials in Tulare County, California, began removing signs warning people to stay out of the Kings River after determining August 2 that it was safe to swim there following a sewage spill earlier in the week of June 30. “What happened is mid afternoon we got results from the lab and we can confirm at this time the levels [of bacteria] are under the threshold they have to be for recreational water,” said a Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) spokeswoman. HHSA officials banned recreational activities in the river, which runs along the county’s northwest border, after untreated sewage traveling through pipes to the City of Reedley Wastewater Treatment Plant backed up July 30 and flowed out a manhole at city park. Sewage, which included urine and fecal matter, flowed into the Kings River, about 150-200 feet from the manhole. The Kings River flows west along the borders of Tulare and Fresno counties, and into Kings County. Reedley officials said a computer software glitch caused the entire plant to shut down after hours — along with an alarm system to notify employees of the problem — and the backup of

raw sewage was not stopped until after people arrived for work July 31.

Source:

<http://www.visaliatimesdelta.com/article/20120803/NEWS01/308030014/Tulare-County-ends-closure-Kings-River?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

23. *August 1, WCVB 5 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Boston Water and Sewer Commission warns of possible customer info leak.** Boston Water and Sewer Commission officials said customer information could have been leaked due to a missing hard drive, WCVB 5 Boston reported August 1. Officials said contractor Aclara Technologies notified them that a hard drive that could contain the Commission's water and sewer account information was missing. Aclara was using the information to update the Commission's remote meter reading system, according to a Commission news release. At most, the missing hard drive contains customer names, addresses, phone numbers, account and meter numbers, and other information that is otherwise publicly available, according to the release. The hard drive did not contain any Social Security numbers, financial data, or state license or identification numbers, officials said. Officials said it was unlikely the missing hard drive would lead to any misuse of customers' personal information. Source: <http://www.wcvb.com/news/local/metro/Boston-Water-and-Sewer-Commission-warns-of-possible-customer-info-leak/-/11971628/15934996/-/13h6y0z/-/index.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

24. *August 3, Jeffersonville News and Tribune* – (Indiana) **Investigation into health facility break-in continues.** A safe containing personal and financial information belonging to patients of Kindred Transitional Care and Rehabilitation in Sellersburg, Indiana, was stolen during a break-in at the facility between June 1 and June 4, according to a statement released by Kindred officials. The safe contained tapes listing patients' information, including Social Security numbers, diagnosis, dates of birth, home addresses, insurance numbers, dates of care, medications provided, and bank account numbers. A Clark County Sheriff's Department spokesperson said it did not appear there was any forced entry made into the office where the safe was located, but drawers in the room did appear to have been forcefully opened. He said deputies monitored the compromised names to see if the suspect or suspects would attempt to steal any of patients identities, but it appeared no attempts were made. Source: <http://newsandtribune.com/local/x1402344936/Investigation-into-health-facility-break-in-continues>

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Government Facilities Sector

25. *August 2, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Structural damage temporarily closes parking garage at Dallas County criminal courthouse.** One of the parking garages used by those going to the Frank Crowley criminal courthouse just outside downtown

Dallas temporarily closed. A Dallas County spokeswoman said the garage closed July 31 and was “expected to be closed the entire [week of August 6].” The garage has structural problems that also led to its partial closure in April 2011. Engineers were working on correcting “structural problems with the shoring.” In the meantime, the spokeswoman said the county is asking people to consider using public transportation or getting a ride to the courthouse or postponing any business they have there.

Source: <http://crimeblog.dallasnews.com/2012/08/structural-damage-temporarily-closes-parking-garage-at-dallas-county-criminal-courthouse.html/>

26. *July 31, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **SD college student pleads guilty to making threats.** A South Dakota college student accused of threatening to shoot people on campus and burn down a dean’s house said he never intended to harm anyone. He appeared in court July 30 and pleaded guilty to making a terroristic threat at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Under terms of the plea agreement, prosecutors recommended local jail time and probation, along with a psychological evaluation. The decision on punishment rests with the judge, who could impose up to 5 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Authorities said the student left a letter at the student union April 17 containing the threats and that he signed it BTK, the signature of a Kansas serial killer.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/SD-college-student-pleads-guilty-to-making-threats-3749735.php>

27. *July 30, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **Pesticide leak prompts hazmat callout at Ore. Water Science Center.** A chemical leak at a building in downtown Portland, Oregon, lead to a HAZMAT response July 30. Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R) reported that the spill occurred at the U.S. Geological Water Science Center. According to PF&R, a person was combining 30 pesticide chemicals together in a “mixing vessel” when an unknown amount leaked onto the person’s hand and into the air. The area around the spill was evacuated as a precaution. It was determined only one person was exposed to the chemicals. That person was “decontaminated” by a PF&R hazmat crew before being transported to a local hospital for evaluation. Several hours later, crews were still working to clean up the spill.

Source: <http://www.koinlocal6.com/news/local/story/Pesticide-leak-prompts-hazmat-callout-at-Ore/3p7WKu7WgUavmhfl-SWNUw.csp>

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *August 3, New England Cable News* – (Vermont) **Vt. man crushes police cars with family tractor.** A man is accused of single-handedly leaving a path of destruction at one police station in Orleans County, Vermont. The suspect will be in Orleans County criminal court August 3, charged with crushing cars under a tractor. Police said the man took his family’s farm tractor and ran over seven police cars in the Orleans County sheriff’s department parking lot August 2. The suspect was allegedly seeking revenge after being arrested for resisting arrest after being caught with marijuana earlier. The man faces seven counts of unlawful mischief, as well as leaving the scene of an

accident, among other charges. He is being held on \$15,000 bail.

Source: <http://www.necn.com/08/03/12/Vt-man-crushes-police-cars-with-family-t/landing.html?blockID=750725&feedID=4753>

29. *August 3, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Jail officer accused of punching suspect.** A veteran correctional officer at the Cook County Jail in Chicago was charged with official misconduct after a security camera caught him punching a detainee in the face in an unprovoked attack in June, authorities said August 2. The victim was knocked to the floor and needed stitches for a cut to the inside of his mouth, authorities said. The officer, a 12-year veteran, turned himself in August 2 and was released on \$10,000 bond. According to prosecutors, the victim left the bullpen in the jail's Division 5 receiving area to obtain a phone number from property of his that was already inventoried. He stopped at a desk where the correctional officer was stationed to ask him where the property was kept. As the victim walked away, he told him to return to the bullpen, issuing a verbal warning, prosecutors said. As he stepped from his desk, the victim turned around and started to walk back toward the bullpen, prosecutors said. However, the officer struck him in the face, knocking the victim to the floor, and bloodying his mouth, they allege.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/ct-met-jail-guard-charged-0803-20120803,0,4335590.story>

30. *August 3, Clare County Review* – (Michigan) **Clare County 911 server issues becoming serious.** The 9-1-1 service in Clare County, Michigan, has had issues as the area's 9-1-1 Central Dispatch has been increasingly suffering from network problems with their computers over the past 3 months. The Central Dispatch director and IT director spoke to the Clare County Board of Commissioners on the issue August 1 during its Committee of the Whole meeting. They believe the issues stem from a software issue in the network's server. The IT director added that while they have alternatives, process is slower and the outages need to be dealt with. The Central Dispatch director said most of the outages have been occurring for several hours during the early morning. He added that when the network becomes disrupted, it becomes impossible for dispatchers to track the locations of emergency responders, for police to run the license plates of anyone pulled over, or for the system to be used to switch traffic lights to green to allow emergency vehicles a faster route to those in trouble.

Source: <http://www.clarecountyreview.com/2012/08/clare-county-911-server-issues-becoming-serious/>

31. *August 2, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Car theft suspect crashed into police building.** WLUC 6 Marquette reported a man crashed into a garage door at the Gladstone Public Safety Department building in Michigan's Upper Peninsula August 1. The car was reported stolen from a construction site. Officers restrained the man and he was taken to a hospital. The Delta County prosecutor's office is expected to review the case. Charges are being sought for larceny of a vehicle, malicious destruction of police property, resisting officers, and driving under the influence of drugs.

Source: <http://www.the-press-news.com/ap state/2012/08/02/car-theft-suspect-crashed-into-police-building>

32. *August 2, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **Staffing shortage idle more prison beds.** Four additional dorms housing 320 convicts are being closed at a large maximum-security South Texas prison because of a continuing shortage of staff at the lockup, officials confirmed August 2. The move marks the largest such temporary closure of portions of a State prison in well over a decade, even during previous staffing stages that forced dorms at several prisons to be shut for many months. A spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice said the convicts will be transferred from the Connally Unit in Kenedy, about 55 miles southeast of San Antonio, to other State prisons in coming weeks.
Source: http://www.statesman.com/blogs/content/shared-gen/blogs/austin/politics/entries/2012/08/02/staffing_shortage_idle_more_pr.html?cxntfid=blogs_postcards

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Information Technology Sector

33. *August 3, Help Net Security* – (International) **Google Play updates developer policies to tackle rogue apps.** Unlike Apple, Google never instituted a vetting process for the applications submitted to its Android app store, Google Play. Instead, the company relies on Bouncer — an automated app scanning service that analyzes apps by running them on Google’s cloud infrastructure and simulating how they will run on an Android device — to catch and ban malicious apps and developers. Recently, however, Bouncer has been unable to detect a number of bad apps. As a result, Google announced it will tighten its app developer policies in an effort to crack down on rogue and potentially malicious apps that proliferate on Google Play.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13368&utm>
34. *August 2, The H* – (International) **Opera 12 update closes important security holes.** The first maintenance update to version 12 of the Opera Web browser was released closing four important security holes. The first of these is rated as critical by the company and affects all supported platforms. According to Opera, certain URL constructs can cause its browser to allocate the incorrect amount of memory for storing the address; this can be exploited by an attacker to overwrite unrelated memory with malicious data, possibly leading to the execution of arbitrary code. Opera 12.01 addresses two high-severity errors that could lead to cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks when handling certain DOM elements and HTML characters. A third high-risk problem fixed may result in downloading and executing a malicious file; this is done by tricking a victim into clicking a hidden dialog box or by entering a specific keyboard sequence. Versions up to and including 12.0 are affected; upgrading to 12.01 corrects these problems.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Opera-12-update-closes-important-security-holes-1659121.html>
35. *August 2, Dark Reading* – (International) **Scope of APTs more widespread than thought.** A researcher discovered some 200 different families of custom malware used to spy and steal intellectual property, with hundreds of attackers in just two groups out

of Shanghai and Beijing, suggesting cyberespionage malware and activity is far more prolific than imagined. The researcher, the director of malware research at Dell Secureworks, also identified a private security firm located in Asia — not in China — that is waging a targeted attack against another country's military operations, as well as spying on U.S. and European companies and its own country's journalists. He declined to provide details on the firm or its country of origin, but confirmed it is based in a nation friendly with the United States. The company has its own malware and is using spear-phishing and backdoors in its cyberespionage operations.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/threat-intelligence/167901121/security/attacks-breaches/240004827/>

36. *August 2, SC Magazine UK* – (International) **Olympics hit by SEO poisoning, as black hat hackers change tactics.** Poisoning of Olympic-related search engine results has appeared, but big names and events are not the obvious targets, according to the director of product marketing EMEA at Blue Coat. Black hat hackers changed their tactics to target lesser known athletes and celebrities and moved away from big events. He told SC Magazine that while search engine optimization (SEO) poisoning is still the primary vector for spreading malware, there has been a move away from poisoning the results of big events to hitting more mundane targets.

Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/olympics-hit-by-seo-poisoning-as-black-hat-hackers-change-tactics/article/253088/>

37. *August 1, Dark Reading* – (International) **Hacking Oracle database indexes.** One of the world's top database security researchers disclosed an Oracle database security blind spot at Black Hat USA the week of July 23. He demonstrated how manipulating code and permissions within Oracle indexes can lead to privilege escalation. The highlight of the talk was what the researcher called a zero-day vulnerability, but which some other security researchers believe may have been discreetly patched by Oracle in its July 2012 quarterly Critical Path Update for Oracle 11g revision 2 databases only. According to the chief technology officer of Application Security Inc., the attack and vulnerability described in the talk closely resembles many Oracle vulnerabilities found today.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/database-security/167901020/security/news/240004776/>

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Communications Sector

38. *August 3, V3.co.uk* – (National) **Massive phishing scam hits AT&T customers.** Websense detected a massive phishing campaign targeting AT&T customers, sending in excess of 200,000 fake emails masquerading as billing information. The phishing emails, pretending to be from the American communication services provider, were discovered by Websense August 2. The fake emails look to scam consumers containing bogus claims that they owe AT&T hundreds of dollars. The email also reportedly houses a malicious link that lets the scam's author infect victims' machines. "Clicking on the link in the bogus message sends the user to a compromised web server that redirects the browser to a Blackhole exploit kit. As a result, malware is downloaded onto the computer that is currently not detected by most anti-virus products, according to VirusTotal," read Websense's blog.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2196588/massive-phishing-scam-hits-at-t-customers>
39. *August 2, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (National) **Glitch in the nation's new weather alert system.** The nation's new weather alert system experienced an error August 2. The frightening "Severe alert! Flash flood warning" messages caught the attention of mobile-phone users across the Philadelphia region. The issue was that most of the people who received the warnings were in no danger whatsoever. Some of the areas warned were far removed from the areas endangered. August 2, flood warnings were issued for selected portions of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties in Pennsylvania. Beamed from cell towers, however, the alerts they triggered lapped well beyond the targeted areas and into places unaffected by local weather. A standard free feature on many mobile devices sold approximately within the last year, the system began operation in April to carry alerts for assorted natural and unnatural disasters. The weather-alert piece came online in June. The alerts — for floods, tornadoes or hurricanes — are announced by special ringtones or vibrations. August 2, mobile users were told to "check local media."
Source: http://articles.philly.com/2012-08-02/news/33001824_1_alert-system-flood-warnings-weather-alert

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *August 3, WVIR 29 Charlottesville* – (Virginia) **Walmart evacuated as police investigate suspicious package.** The Walmart in Albemarle County, Virginia, was investigated by police August 3. A spokesman with the Albemarle County Police Department said there was a man in Walmart carrying suspicious packages. Early reports indicated a man who wore a gas mask and carried packages was seen in the store. Staff called police and they evacuated the premises. Police arrived within minutes. The man was detained by police. There was an K9 explosives unit on the scene. The contents of the packages were still unknown into the afternoon. Virginia State Police and the Virginia State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation were called

to the scene. Police sent a bomb robot into the store. The Walmart was still evacuated in the afternoon. The PetSmart in Hollymead Town Center were also briefly evacuated. Source: <http://www.nbc29.com/story/19189083/walmart-evacuation>

41. *August 3, Jersey Journal* – (New Jersey) **Secaucus Walmart evacuated second time in week after bomb threat phoned in.** For the second time in 4 days, someone phoned a bomb threat into the Walmart at the Mill Creek Mall in Secaucus, New Jersey, August 2. The store was evacuated for nearly an hour after the manager's office received a phone call that mentioned an explosive device in the store, a police spokesman said. Secaucus police and firefighters searched the store and found no explosive. More than 700 people were evacuated from the store after a bomb threat was phoned in July 30.
Source: http://www.nj.com/jjournal-news/index.ssf/2012/08/secaucus_walmart_evacuated_sec.html
42. *August 3, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Local Walmart re-open after police check out bomb threat.** A Walmart store in Fountain, Colorado, re-opened August 2 after police responded to a potential bomb threat that closed the store for about 3 hours. A man called the store and said that there were bottles inside that might explode. Bomb sniffing dogs went inside the store but were unable to find any suspicious devices.
Source: <http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Local-Walmart-Evacuated-Police-Check-Out-Bomb-Threat-164834266.html>
43. *August 3, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Investigators looking for cause of Munnsville Hotel fire.** A fire damaged the Munnsville Hotel apartment building in Munnsville, New York, leaving residents homeless and keeping firefighters on the scene for about 6 hours August 3. The fire was under investigation, but was not considered suspicious. The county's fire coordinator said he did not believe the building could be saved given the damage caused by fire and water.
Source: http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2012/08/investigators_looking_for_caus.html
44. *August 3, Ardmore Daily Ardmoreite* – (Oklahoma) **Afternoon fire claims warehouse in Healdton.** An investigation was underway into the circumstances of a fire that destroyed the warehouse of the Healdton Family Center in Healdton, Oklahoma. Six area fire departments responded to the fire called in August 2. The Healdton fire chief said the warehouse was enveloped by the fire when departments arrived at the scene. Firefighters contained the fire to the warehouse, leaving a lumber store and the family center undamaged. The warehouse owner said the building contained furniture, mattresses, insulation, and other items, which were lost.
Source: <http://www.ardmoreite.com/news/x2095088149/Afternoon-fire-claims-warehouse-in-Healdton>
45. *August 3, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Market Square reopens after Pittsburgh bomb squad detonates suitcase.** Pittsburgh police reopened Market Square after the bomb squad detonated a suspicious package there August 3. Police

evacuated the square and roped it off. A police officer at Market Square said the bomb squad found a suitcase that may have had a wire sticking out. A member of the bomb squad in a protective suit put a plate on the suitcase to X-ray it, then returned to the squad's truck to view the images. Later, the bomb squad detonated the suitcase with a small, controlled explosion and planned to examine its contents.

Source: <http://old.post-gazette.com/pg/12216/1251375-53.stm>

46. *August 2, Whidbey News-Times* – (Washington) **E. Coli prompts swimming closure at Cranberry Lake.** Island County Public Health announced the closure of the west side of Cranberry Lake at Deception Pass State Park in Washington August 2. The swim beach will be posted with red-colored swimming advisory signs due to persistently elevated levels of E. Coli bacteria, a news release from the Island County Public Health Department stated. Due to the increased risk of illness, people were advised to avoid swimming, wading, or water play where water could be swallowed or get into the mouth, nose, or eyes. The swimming advisory will remain in effect until water quality improves. Island County Public Health announced they will continue to monitor water conditions at Cranberry Lake in the coming weeks to determine when the water will be free of bacteria.

Source: <http://www.whidbeynewstimes.com/news/164793066.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

47. *August 3, Idaho Mountain Express* – (Idaho) **Halstead Fire nears 10,000 acres.** A lightning-caused wildfire northwest of Stanley, Idaho, jumped from 50 to nearly 10,000 acres over the course of a few days, the U.S. Forest Service reported August 2. The Halstead Fire, located near Highway 21, started July 27 when a lightning strike ignited a ridge between Beaver Creek and Marsh Creek, a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. Fire crews were removed from the scene over the weekend of July 28 due to the extremely hot and active nature of the fire, but returned to work July 30. A spokeswoman for the Salmon-Challis National Forest stated in a press release August 2 that the fire reached 9,626 acres. The scout camp, as well as national forest campgrounds at Beaver Creek, Beaver Creek Spur, Lola Creek, Lola Camp Spur A, Marsh Creek Transfer, and Josephus Lake were closed. All access to the Cape Horn, Seafoam Bubble, and the Pinyon Peak roads were closed. Trails in the area — including the Halstead Trail, the Roughneck Trail, the Marsh Creek Trail, and the Middle Fork Trail from the trailhead to the junction with Fall Creek Trail were closed.

Source: <http://www.mtexpress.com/index2.php?ID=2005143236>

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Dams Sector

48. *August 3, MLive.com; Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Flint's Hamilton Dam 'unsatisfactory,' says most recent state inspection.** As the State of Michigan carries out an emergency drawdown at the deteriorating Corunna Dam in Shiawassee County,

a plan for repairs of Flint's crumbling Hamilton Dam was at a standstill, MLive.com and the Associated Press reported August 3. Not only is the city-owned Hamilton Dam in "unsatisfactory" condition — the lowest ranking given in State inspection reports — but it is also classified as a "high hazard" dam, meaning there is a chance of fatalities and significant impact on infrastructure if the dam were to fail, officials said. To minimize such damage, the city has been under a State mandate since 2008 to lower the water level until repairs can be made to the dam. However, a lack of funding for what is likely to be extensive repair work has stymied progress on a plan to replace or repair the structure in recent years. The Flint Public Information Officer said August 2 that there were no budgeted projects for the dam in Flint emergency manager's plans, other than maintenance for normal operations. An official with the State Department of Environmental Quality said the water level restriction has lessened the immediate threat to the surrounding area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers classified the dam as "high hazard" in 1980 because of its setting in an urban area on a university's campus. It is required to be inspected every 3 years under State law.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2012/08/dam_safety_flints_hamilton_dam.html

49. *August 2, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Corps making \$1.5 billion in levee upgrades in Plaquemines Parish.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers finalized an agreement August 2 with Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for \$1.5 billion in upgrades to nearly 60 miles of levees, including 20 miles of a parish-built levee that will be raised and brought into the federal system. The Plaquemines Parish President said raising the parish's back levee on the West Bank from Oakville to south of St. Jude will strengthen a weak link in the parish's storm-surge protection system. Corps officials said the back levee will be raised from an average height of about 3 feet to 9 feet. The project also includes improvements to segments of existing federal levees totaling 37 miles. Those levees extend from Phoenix to Bohemia on the east bank and from St. Jude to Venice on the West Bank. The work is expected to begin in a few months and should be completed by 2018.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2012/08/corps_making_15_billion_in_levee.html

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